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**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/782,818

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☐ This communication is responsive to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☒ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                                    | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)           |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                           | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                   |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                     | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance  |
|                                                                                                                                | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                               |

*Laura Tso*

**LAURA K. TSO**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

#### **The application has been amended as follows:**

##### **In the specification:**

Page 15, line 10: change "70" to -76--.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art fails to show or suggest an adaptor for use in the upper end of a supporting pipe means and supporting a standard of a light fixture, as claimed comprising an integral body having an upper and lower portion the lower portion defining a profile of a sphere having a radius equal to the radius of the inner surface of the pipe, the upper portion providing a mounting surface for engagement with the standard of the lighting fixture whereby applying clamping force about the upper end of the pipe means the adapter is held in a fixed position as claimed. Note claim 1.

Prior art fails to show or suggest a lighting support system including a standard supporting an illuminating fixture, a support system comprising an elongated foundation member for inserting into the ground and having an upper end with a mildly

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compressible circular wall, an adaptor including an integral body having an upper and lower portion, the lower portion defining a profile of a sphere having a radius equal to the radius of the circular wall thereby permitting a ball and socket action between the lower portion of the adapter and the circular wall, the upper portion defining a flange, as claimed, and providing a connection means for rigid connection to the connector means of the standard and a clamp means for constricting engagement about the circular wall, as claimed. Note claim 6.

Prior art fails to show or suggest a mounting system for an outdoor light standard comprising an elongated pipe member having a subsurface opening and an upper end defined by an inner surface of a mildly compressible, circumferential wall of the pipe, a box unit for electrical connected having a lower portion for reception into the open end of the pipe and an upper end disposed above the pipe, the lower portion of the box having an exterior circumferential surface for close engagement within the inner surface of the pipe, the upper portion having a horizontal face for supporting the base of the standard, a universal connection means, as claimed, and a locking means for holding the upper portion of the box relative to the pipe's axis, as claimed. Note claim 7.

Prior art fails to show or suggest an electrical connection box for use in a mounting system of an outdoor standard, the mounting system comprising a rigid pipe means having a mildly compressible, circular wall and a clamp means encircling and compressing the circular wall, the connection box comprising an integral unit having a lower hollow portion and an upper portion terminating in a upper flange for supporting the standard, as claimed, the lower portion including an outer wall defining a profile of a

sphere having a radius equal to the radius of the inner surface of the pipe, whereby applying clamping force about the upper end of the pipe means the adapter is held in a fixed position as claimed. Note claim 8.

Prior art fails to show or suggest a method of preparing a mounting system for supporting an outdoor light standard comprising the steps of affixing a lower end of an elongated pipe within the ground the pipe having an opening for receiving electrical wiring, inserting a lower portion of an electrical connection box into the upper opening of the pipe member, the box having an upper flat surface, adjusting the upper portion of the box relative to the pipe member, locking the upper portion of the box relative to the pipe member, feeding electrical wires through the lower opening of the pipe and through a sealable opening in the connection box, as claimed. Note claim 9.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to laura tso whose telephone number is 571-272-2385. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W 6:30-3:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, sandra o'shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Laura Tso".

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